

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 8 is a flowchart showing an example of a procedure for ~~deciding~~determining a volume of data stored in a RAM.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Next, the storage/deletion controller 110 calculates the size of that part of the data of the encrypted job data that is stored in the RAM 14 (S12). This calculation calculates storage size using space in the RAM 14 obtained by the memory monitoring module 116 and a random number generated by the random number generator 114. ~~The way of thinking is that the~~The storage size is~~is~~may be made larger when there is more free space in the RAM 14 and adjustments are made using random numbers so that the relationship between space and storage size does not become fixed. This may be, for example, processing where a prescribed proportion of the free space in the RAM 14 is decided upon as a storage size reference value, with a storage size then being obtained by subjecting this reference value to adjustment using normal distribution random numbers generated by the random number generator 114. Insufficient work memory during storage processing can therefore be avoided by considering free space in the RAM 14 when deciding storage size. Further, the rules for distribution can be made more difficult to understand by changing the storage size using this random number and improvement in security can be anticipated.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Further, it is also possible to ~~decide~~determine storage size taking into consideration conditions other than the space in the RAM. This example is shown in FIG. 8. In this

example, in addition to acquiring the amount of space left in RAM (S60), information such as whether or not there is a job waiting (S62), overall processing load on the image-forming device (S64), and level of job data confidentiality (S66) is also acquired, with size for storing to the RAM 14 then being ~~decided~~ determined taking this information as parameters (S68).

~~The fundamental way of thinking behind this calculation is as follows.~~